simplifications. The policy initiatives of the Government influence the investment decisions of the entrepreneurs and the investment intentions normally take 4 to 5 years time to fructify and contribute to industrial production.

Child Labour Contribution to GNP

847. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether child labour contributes more than 20 per cent of the country's GNP;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the percentage of GNP contributed by child labour from First to Eighth Five Year Plan period, plan-wise; and

(d) the names of other Asian countries where child labour contributes over 10 per cent of the GNP?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (c) The estimates of National Product are derived from the estimates of Domestic Product, which are compiled by kind of economic activity and by broad institutional categories, like organized and unorgnized and public sectors. These estimates are not made by age-group.

(b) No such information is available.

Working of Sub-regional Employment Exchange, Curzon Road

848. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM,: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased refer to Unstarred Question 361 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th July, 1998 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pendency is tremendously increasing day by day in the Sub-Regional Employemnt Exchange, Curzon Road, New Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some Members of Parliament have apprised through the letter dated 7th September, 1998 about numerous irregularities of the present S.R.E.O./Curzon Road; and

(c) if so, the comments of Director, Employment Exchanges and the guidelines of CVC to allow to continue the said officer on such a sensitive seat?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) Though there was increase in the number of pendencies in the Sub-Regional Employment Exchange, Curzon Road, now functioning at Kirby Place, Delhi Cantt. for sometime in the past but the pendencies prior to 30.08.1998 have now been liquidated.

(b) The allegations made in the letter are still under enquiry by the Anti-Corruption Branch, Dte. of Vigilance, Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi.

(c) The Sub-Regional Employment Officer concerned has been transferred in public interest.

Unemployed Persons in Manipur

849. SHRI J. CHITHARAJAN:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unemployed in live register of employment exchanges in Manipur at the end of the years 1995, 1996 and 1997; and

(b) the number of new registrants and placements during these years?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) The number of job seekers, all of whom need not necessarily be unemployed, registered and placed by the Employment Exchanges in Manipur during 1995, 1996 & 1997 together with the Live Register were as follows:

(In thousand)

	1995	1996	1997
Registration made	29.9	32.2	28.3
Placement effected	0.1	0.6	0.4
Number on the Live Register at the end of the year	268.8	292.1	318.1

Wages of Industrial Workers

850. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the minimum wages in some States for some categories of workers have not been revised for more than three years;

(b) if so, the details of such States alongwith the Industries, wages prevailing today and the number of years they were not revised; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to ensure periodic revision of wages in all the States?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) Under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, the Central Government is the appropriate Government for fixation/revision of minimum rates of wages for scheduled employments coming under the purview of Central Government and State Governments are the appropriate Governments for fixation/revision of minimum rates of wages for different scheduled employment coming under their purview. Section 3 (b) of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 provides that the minimum rates of wages may be fixed at such intervals not exceeding five years. A statement giving details of minimum rates of wages fixed alongwith date of last revision in respect of different States, is annexed. [*See* Appendix 185, Annexure no. 23]

(c) Central Government has been requesting, from time to time, the State Governments to fix, review and revise the minimum rates of wages within a period not exceeding two years or on a rise of 50 points in the Consumer Price Index. Recently, Hon'ble Prime Minister has requested all the State Governments demiofficially to fix, review and revise the minimum rates of wages within a period not exceeding two years or on a rise of 50 points in the CPI.

Growth Rate of Employment in Organised and Unorganised Sectors

851. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV:
SHRI GOPAL SINGH G. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether employment in the organised and unorganised sectors has been declining in the country;

(b) the contribution of Government and private enterprises in this regard;

(c) whether any steps are being contemplated to increase the rate of growth in employment in both organised and unorganised sectors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The organised sector (all public sector establishments and all non-agricultural establishments in the private sector employing 10 or more workers) employment was of the order of 28 million as on 31st March, 1997. Out of these 28 million around 19.5 million was in public sector and the remaining 8.5 million was in private sector.

(c) and (d) The approach to the Ninth Plan envisages priority to agriculture and rural development with a view to generating adequate productive